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CFWI planning documents available for public review and comment; public meetings scheduled

ORLANDO, Fla., May 8, 2015 — The Central Florida Water Initiative's (CFWI) Steering Committee has released two draft documents for public review and comment that will set a path forward for meeting water supply needs in central Florida for the next 20 years.

At upcoming meetings, the public will have an opportunity to learn about and comment on the draft 2035 Water Resources Protection and Water Supply Strategies Plan (Solutions Plan) and minor changes to the draft 2015 Regional Water Supply Plan.

When finalized, the Solutions Plan will provide detailed information about water conservation; specific water supply project options and partnerships with water users; a financial assessment of the project options; management and implementation strategies.

The draft plans are available at *cfwiwater.com*. Comments can be provided online or by mail and email. Details are available on the website. The comment period will close on July 31, 2015.

CFWI is a collaborative effort among the St. Johns, South Florida and Southwest Florida water management districts, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, regional public water supply utilities and other stakeholders to develop a unified process to address central Florida's current and long-term water supply needs. The CFWI planning area includes Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole and southern Lake counties.

A series of stakeholder meetings are scheduled to discuss the plans and receive input.

Focus: Environmental stakeholders
Date: Monday, May 18, 2015

Time: 1:30-4 p.m.

Location: ChampionsGate Golf Resort, 8575 White Shark Boulevard, Davenport

Focus: Agricultural stakeholders **Date:** Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Time: 2-4:30 p.m.

Location: ChampionsGate Golf Resort, 8575 White Shark Boulevard, Davenport

Focus: Business/government stakeholders

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2015

Time: 9-11:30 a.m.

Location: ChampionsGate Golf Resort, 8575 White Shark Boulevard, Davenport

Additional public meetings will be held in June. The meetings will include presentations and CFWI experts will be available to answer questions and receive public input.

Date: Monday, June 1, 2015

Time: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: Chain of Lakes Complex, 210 Cypress Gardens Blvd. SW, Winter Haven

Date: Thursday, June 4, 2015

Time: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street, Winter Garden

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